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Kinship Home Studies
Vendor Questions and Responses

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN May 20, 2021

RFP 2350

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On page 5 of the RFP, under 3.0 Scope of Work, the second paragraph ends with “Parental home studies may also be requested on an as-needed basis for children in custody.”

1. Are these referrals for non-custodial parents only?
Yes
2. Are these home studies intended to be done prior to reunification with the maltreating parent? Will there be different parameters regarding background checks or due dates if the home study is on the maltreating parent?

The contract has historically completed parental home studies with non-custodial parents; however, these were reported as kinship home study referrals. There will be no change to the referral process for these non-custodial parental home studies. The RFP 2350 included expectations to continue completing these parental home studies through the contract.

3. How many parental home studies does DSS estimate will be included in the contract?

In SFY 2020 (June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020), 17 ICPC (Interstate Compact for Placement of Children) referrals for non-custodial parental home studies were made. In SFY 2021 (June 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021), there have been 57 ICPC parental home study referrals so far and the contract year ends May 31, 2021. In addition to ICPC referrals, South Dakota DSS/CPS has also submitted referrals for non-custodial parental home studies. Current reporting for SFY 2020 and SFY 2021 does not distinguish between the number of non-custodial parental home studies and kinship home studies; therefore, reporting only includes a total number of home studies completed. The new contract for SFY 2022 will require separate reporting for non-custodial parental home studies and kinship home studies, which will allow for a more accurate count of each type of home study.